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OLAA IS SWEEPED BY \$50,000 FIRE!

BIG FIRE SWEEPS OLAA

Fifty-thousand Dollar Loss in
Hot Blaze Yesterday
Afternoon

STONE, WAREHOUSE AND
STATION ARE DESTROYED

Direction of Wind Saves Vil-
lage — Manager Hollinger
Has Narrow Escape

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless)
Hilo, Hawaii, March 24.—A terro-
rizing fire at Oloa yesterday af-
ternoon, the second of two disastrous
conflagrations on this island within
a few weeks, wiped out the Oloa
store, the big warehouse and the rail-
road station.

The entire group of buildings was
burned in thirty minutes, the fire
burning with a fierceness that defied
efforts to control it.

The origin of the blaze is unknown,
though there are various rumors
abroad.

The railroad tracks between the
buildings were warped by the heat,
which was intense for a distance
around the burning buildings.
Only the direction of the wind saved
the village, which would have been
in the path of the flames had the
breeze been blowing the other way.

A call for help was sent to Hilo
when the seriousness of the fire was
seen, and the fire truck from the town
answered the call and did good work
after it got on the ground, though
most of the damage had then been
done.

Manager Charles E. Hollinger had
a narrow escape from being trapped
by the flames while he was trying to
save the books and cash from the
safe. He saved the valuables at great
personal risk.

A temporary grocery store is being
opened in the theater today to supply
the camp's needs.

The fire that destroyed Pahoa mill
was only a few weeks ago.

Local officials of the Oloa Sugar
Company today received wireless mes-
sages confirming the above news.
At the office of the Oloa Sugar Com-
pany it was stated that a wireless
message had been received with a re-
port of the fire but announcing no de-
tails. Mr. A. W. T. Bettomley said
at noon today that he had heard the
news by wireless, the dispatch indi-
cating that there had been a complete
loss on the three buildings named. He
estimated that it such were the case
the loss would be approximately \$50,-
000 or \$60,000. Up to noon no report
of the fire had been received by B. F.
Dillingham & Co., from the Hilo, rail-
road people. Mr. Harold Dillingham
was informed by the Star-Bulletin of
the fire.

JUDGE ADVOCATE REPORTS FOR DUTY

With the arrival of the new judge
advocate, Captain E. K. Massee, and
three adjutant general's clerks, on the
transport Thomas Saturday evening,
army headquarters was an unusually
busy place this morning. At the pres-
ent time there is not nearly enough
office room for the department and
brigade staffs, and the army chiefs
are distinctly "up against it" for
space. There are several more officers
on "military row" on the second floor
of the Young Hotel available, but the
authority to rent them has been de-
layed. Captain Massee is for the pre-
sent without an office or even a desk,
but wonders can be done in the way
of doubling up when necessary, and
probably the staff will be shaken
down before long. Eventually when
the new officers are available, the
Hawaiian department will have as
fine a home as any department in the
army.

Captain Massee has been assistant
to the judge advocate of the old west-
ern division, and has considerable ex-
perience in the field of military jus-
tice. He is an honor graduate of the

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lect from.

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GUNS THUNDER SALUTE AS NEW COMMANDANT COMES TO NAVAL STATION



Admirals Cowles (No. 1) and Moore (No. 2) and the officers of the naval station and marine barracks, pho-
tographed this morning at naval station ceremonies.

FLAGS DOWN AND UP FOR TWO ADMIRALS

Cowles Leaves to Take Fleet
Command and Moore Is
Now in Charge

With a salute of thirteen guns in
honor of the departing commandant,
as the blue two-starred flag of Rear
Admiral Walter C. Cowles came flut-
tering down the tall staff, and a sim-
ilar salute to the flag of Rear Admiral
Charles B. T. Moore, as it reached
the truck, the naval command of Ha-
waii was formally and officially trans-
ferred this morning.

The sun broke out with the flag,
and the leaden clouds which had
threatened a downpour right up to the
moment of the ceremony, parted to
pour a flood of Hawaiian sunshine,
not of the liquid variety, on the bril-
liant scene which took place on the
lawn in front of the administration
building. A score of officers in white
dress and side arms, the full marine
guard and band, in spotless khaki,
looking every inch the part of "sol-
diers and sailors too," the little knot
of civilian employees of the station
and a handful of prominent Honolulu-
ans were gathered to welcome the
coming and speed the parting com-
mandant. The ceremony prescribed
by navy regulations for the change
of a flag went off without a hitch, and
at 9:15 Admiral Moore found himself
in control of the navy situation in
Hawaii.

Of necessity more simplified than
the transfer of command afloat, where
the custom prevails of naming the
barge of the retiring admiral with
officers, who row him ashore, the
change of flags this morning took only
a few minutes, and was devoid of the
pathos which attaches to the cere-
mony when one of the officers retires
from active service. The last transfer
of naval command seen here took
place a trifle over a year ago, when
Rear Admiral Thomas, about to be
retired for age, turned over the Pa-
cific fleet to Rear Admiral South-
land, and then sailed for the Coast
on the West Virginia, to lay down the

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Infantry and cavalry school, 1904, and
a graduate of the staff college, 1905.
Captain Massee is a first lieutenant of
the infantry arm, holding the detail of
acting judge advocate with rank of
captain. He served as private, cor-
poral and sergeant in the Second ar-
tillery from 1892 to 1895. When the
war with Spain broke out Captain
Massee went to the front as a sergeant
in the Third Wisconsin Infantry, and
was made first lieutenant and bat-
talion adjutant of the same regiment.
He then re-enlisted in the U. S. Volun-
teers for Philippine service, reaching
the grade of battalion sergeant major
of the Forty-third U. S. Volunteers, in
February, 1901, he was commissioned a
second lieutenant in the regular es-
tablishment, and he is now well up on
the list of first lieutenants, as it is un-
likely that he will have to discard the
double bar when he goes back to the
line.

Among those who arrived on the
Thomas for duty were Frederick Don-
nelly, H. L. Lee and J. A. Phillips, ad-
jutant general's clerks; E. F. Ely, pay
clerk, quartermaster corps, and M.
Maloney, armament machinist, ordnance
department.

Col. J. S. Rogers, attached to the
First Infantry, returned after a long
leave of absence.

Ten o'clock tomorrow morning is
the hour set for the departure of the
Pacific Mail liner Manchuria for San
Francisco. Three thousand tons
Oriental cargo will be discharged.



Admiral Moore's flag going up the pole as Admiral Cowles' flag comes down. Photo by Star-Bulletin staff
photographer.

HOLDS HARDESTY VIOLATED THE LAW

Attorney Milverton in Opin-
ion Points Out Illegality of Su-
pervisor's City Work

That Supervisor Samuel C. Hardesty
has illegally participated in city con-
tracting work is the declaration in an
opinion given by Deputy City and
County Attorney Milverton to the
board of supervisors at a meeting at
noon today.

Attorney Milverton's opinion upholds
the stand taken by the Star-Bulletin,
which brought to public attention last
week the fact that Supervisor Har-
desty was trying to get from the city
money for work he had done on city
jobs. Mr. Milverton's opinion affirms
the contention of this paper that Har-
desty's actions raised the question of
violation of Act 52 of the session laws
of 1911, and Mr. Milverton declares
that the demands for compensation
based upon the work in which Har-
desty participated are illegal.

He holds "that there has been a di-
rect violation of the law."

Moreover, the Milverton opinion
goes considerably further. His

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WICKERSHAM POINTS TO BANKING AND CURRENCY REFORM AS VITAL

Discussing general conditions in
the United States, Former Attorney
General George W. Wickersham this
morning, in an interview with a Star-
bulletin representative, stated that
business is at the present time in a
prosperous state.

"There is no doubt about the fact
that we in America are much better
off than the people of any other na-
tion," Mr. Wickersham said, "the only
two clouds upon the horizon of a pe-
riod of wonderful prosperity are the
present tariff agitation and the fact
that we have outgrown our antiquated
system of banking. Business is apt to
be in a somewhat unsettled condition
whenever there is a prospect of any
change in the tariff schedule, and nat-
urally so. As to the investigation
which was taken up under Mr. Taft's

administration for the purpose of
studying thoroughly our methods of
banking and currency exchange, it is
to my mind one of the most important
reforms undertaken in our economic
history. While it is perhaps true that
the methods of the Pujo committee
were not at all times above reproach,
the fact remains that they succeeded
in amassing a great deal of valuable
information. Whether they were cor-
rect or not in their means of getting
at this information, they have arrived
at knowledge that will be the basis
for banking reforms in the future. I
have not yet made up my mind just
what changes should be introduced to
make our present banking system
elastic and adequate; but I am posi-

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BUREAU CHIEF IS COMING TO VIEW DRYDOCK SITE

News has reached here through
private channels that the Pearl
harbor drydock situation is to be
considered on the ground by a
high officer of the navy depart-
ment, Rear Admiral Homer Stan-
ford, chief of the bureau of yards
and docks. According to a cable
message, Admiral Stanford, ac-
companied by Civil Engineer F.
R. Harris, will arrive in Honolulu
early next month.

It is known that the plan of
Civil Engineer E. E. Gayler, in
charge of Pearl Harbor construc-
tion, for building the dock of huge
concrete blocks cast on land, has
been adopted by the bureau, so
the coming of Admiral Stanford
can not be to determine future
construction methods. It is
thought, therefore, that the offi-
cers are coming here as the nu-
cleus of a board to readjust the
compensation of the contractors
for the work called for by the
new plan. Admiral Stanford vi-
sited Pearl Harbor last summer.
A night shift is to be worked
on the drydock site in the near
future, to have everything in
readiness to re-commence build-
ing when called upon.

SHOTS TO FIRE

Ask your friends on the main-
land to join with you in protest-
ing to Congress against annihila-
tion of the beet and cane sugar
industries in the United States.

In sailing for the Coast tomorrow
morning, the Pacific Mail liner Man-
churia will carry a large mail.

CHARTER BODY PROVIDED IN SENATE BILL

Judd Introduces Measure by
Request—Authorizes Elec-
tion of 15 Commissioners

Senator Judd introduced in the se-
nate this morning a bill providing for
the election of a commission to pre-
pare a city charter for Honolulu.

He stated in introducing it that he
did so at the request of City Treas-
urer C. J. McCarthy and John C. Lane,
members of the committee recently
appointed at the mass meeting at Ala
Park, called for the purpose of con-
sidering the need of a charter.

The act provides that within sixty
days after its passage, a special elec-
tion shall be called at which fifteen
electors are proposed to be selected
to compose a commission. This com-
mission will draft the proposed char-
ter, submit it to the people, and if ap-
proved will be transmitted to the se-
cretary of the territory, who in turn
will submit it to the legislature in
1916. In event the proposed charter
is not approved by the people, a sec-
ond commission may be elected, and
its drafted charter acted on, and so
on until one is finally found satisfac-
tory.

The following is the copy of the bill
in full:

"Sec. 1. Within sixty days after the
passage of this act the mayor of the
city and County of Honolulu shall,
by proclamation, call a special
election of city and county officials
within the Territory of Hawaii, at
which special election the qualified
electors of the City and County of
Honolulu shall elect fifteen taxpayers
who are qualified electors within the
limits thereof, who shall constitute a
charter convention, to frame a charter
for the said city and county in har-
mony with this act.

"Sec. 2. Immediately upon the
completion of the labors of said char-
ter convention, the charter so framed
with a prefatory synopsis, shall be
signed by the officers and members
of the convention and delivered to the
clerk of said city and county, who

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JAPANESE HURT IN COLLISION

Police were summoned this morning
to take charge of an injured Japanese
who afterward gave his name as Ka-
nata, who is alleged to have been run
down by automobile No. 539, owned by
Dr. J. T. Smith. The story told by
spectators to the accident which oc-
curred near the intersection of King
and Nuuanu streets was in effect that
the Japanese was riding down Nuuanu
street on a bicycle when he was ap-
proached by the automobile.

The vehicles met in collision, the
Japanese falling to the ground where
he was found to have sustained some
bruises and perhaps internal injuries.

The police claim that the car passed
over the left leg of the Japanese be-
fore coming to a full stop.

Kanata was taken to Queen's Hos-
pital for treatment.

More than half the desks and tables
in the primary schools of the Philip-
pine islands were made by the pupils
themselves.

TORNADO KILLS 140

Terrific Storm Sweeps Through
Four States, Causing
Immense Loss

240 INJURED, 1250
HOUSES ARE WRECKED

Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana and
Illinois Visited by Hurricane
of Unprecedented Fury

(Associated Press Cable)
OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—The
worst tornado for many years in this
state and one of the most destructive
to life in the history of the west,
broke over the section of the country
near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Eight miles from Council Bluffs the
tornado was at its height, the destruc-
tion to life and property being horri-
ble.

With telephone and telegraph lines
down all through the country where
the tornado passed, little can be
learned of the details. Already the
death reports amount to 142 killed
and 240 injured. Three hundred and
fifty houses have been wrecked and
1250 are damaged, many of them al-
most beyond repair.

The tornado swept through Indiana
and Illinois also, killing many in both
states. The property loss has not
been calculated but it will run into
the millions. Barns and outbuildings
of all kinds were picked up and hurled
to pieces, some of them miles away.

Relief trains have been sent from
nearby cities into the storm zone to
relieve the suffering that has already
resulted.

MEXICAN REBELS ATTACKING CANANEA

(Associated Press Cable)
NACO, Mexico, March 24.—Mexican
rebels have attacked Cananea, only to
be met with a stubborn defense, fight-
ing going on intermittently.

ELIOT WON'T GO TO LONDON

(Associated Press Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—
Surprise was caused in official circles
here today when it became known
that Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president
emeritus of Harvard, has declined the
ambassadorship to Great Britain.

PRINCESS COLONNA ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

(Associated Press Cable)
ROME, Italy, March 24.—The Prin-
cess Colonna, it was learned today,
has attempted to commit suicide.

NEGRO FIGHTERS DRAW

(Associated Press Cable)
BRISBANE, Australia, March 24.—
Sa Langford, champion middleweight
of the world, and Sam McVey today
fought twenty rounds to a draw here.

INVESTIGATION OF SCHOOLS NOW BEGINS

The investigation of the territorial
educational department is under way.
A special sub-committee of the educa-
tional committee of the house and
senate, consisting of Representative
S. S. Paxson, Senator Penhallow and
Representative Spaulding was appoint-
ed this morning to assume charge of
this work and the preliminary plans
for the inquiry are being outlined now.

The educational committee of both
branches also turned over to the sub-

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